

King Triton #1

(URSULA)

Wait. Oh, no. Stop. I – I can't control it!

SEBASTIAN

Ariel, the trident!

(ARIEL breaks free of the TENTACLES' grasp and bravely reaches out to grab the trident. ARIEL extends the trident to SEBASTIAN and FLOUNDER, who grab hold and stay afloat while the sea swallows URSULA, the TENTACLES and the EELS.)

URSULA, TENTACLES, EELS

Nooooooo!

(With Ursula's reign of terror now over, the SEA CHORUS reforms a calm water surface around ARIEL, SEBASTIAN and FLOUNDER.)

SEBASTIAN

Ariel! Are you all right, child?

ARIEL

Yes. Thank you for your help.

FLOUNDER

Not such a guppy any more, am I?

ARIEL

Nope. You're the best friends a girl could wish for.

(SEBASTIAN and FLOUNDER embrace ARIEL. KING TRITON breaks through the surface, now free from his imprisonment.)

KING TRITON

Ariel!

ARIEL

Daddy!

(hands KING TRITON the trident and bows her head)

I've caused so much trouble. Can you ever forgive me?

KING TRITON

Why, I've never been prouder. Somehow, in the blink of an eye, when my back was turned, you grew up.

(KING TRITON hugs ARIEL, who looks out toward the land.)